Board (PESB), is to appoint, through a fair and objective selection procedure, outstanding professional managers to Level-I (Chief Executives) and Level-II (Directors) posts in Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs). Caste is not one of the criteria for selecting persons for appointments to the Board level posts of PSUs. Therefore, information on the number of persons belonging to the SCs/STs among those appointed to Board level posts in the PSUs under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers is neither available nor is it maintained.

Production Cost of Fertilizers

† 3025. SHRI RAJIV RAN J AN SINGH 'LALAN':.
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that gas, naptha and fuel oil are used in chemical fertilizers producing companies in the country;

(b) if so, the present capacity for production of fertilizers in the country by using all the above means, separately;

(c) whether the production cost of fertilizers produced by the above means is also different; and

(d) if so, what has been the average production cost in these three types of fertilizer units separately during 2000-2001, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Feedstock-wise present capacity for production of nitrogenous fertilizers in the country is

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given below:

('000' MT)

Name of the feedstock	Production capacity (in terms of nutrients)
Fuel Oil/LSHS	1231.0
Naphtha	3556.5
Gas	5906.6

(MT = Metric tonne)

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The operational cost of production of urea differs on the basis of the feedstock like gas, naphtha and fuel oil. The weighted average provisional retention price of urea for units having natural gas as feedstock is Rs. 6440/MT, for units having naphtha as feedstock is Rs. 11,722/MT and for units having feedstock as FO/LSHS is Rs. 9425/MT as on 1.4.2000.

Import of fertilizers

† 3026. DR. D. MASTHAN:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Government undertakings imported fertilizers during 2000-2001, to meet the domestic demand;

(b) if so, which fertilizers were imported and their quantum imported, separately; and

(c) what expenditure was incurred for the basic price of each of those imported fertilizers in the international market, and on the freight, loading/unloading charges, taxes and the other heads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. Urea is the only fertilizer which is under statutory price and movement control and whose imports are made on Government account to bridge the gap between the requirement and indigenous availability. The other major fertilizers, namely DAP and MOP have been decontrolled since 24.08.1992 and

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